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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C 20231

August 22, 2003

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed May 22, 2003. Claims 14-23 are pending. Of these, claims 19-21 are allowed. Claims 14-18 and claims 22-23 were rejected in the Office Action as being directed to a non-elected species. In this response, the Applicant wishes to traverse these rejections.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Elections/restrictions

The Office Action requested an election between Invention I, claimed in claims 14-23, directed to an apparatus, and Invention II, claimed in claims 24-26, directed to a method of making an apparatus.

Applicant made a provisional election to Invention I claims 14-23 in a telephone interview on May 15, 2003. Applicant affirms the provisional election to claims 14-23.

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